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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SY PLO LY

SUBJ: LIBYAN HAND IN DRAFTING COMMUNIQUE RE SYRO-PALESTINIAN ACCORD

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR PEKIC MET THREE TIMES DURING THE LAST WEEK IN JULY WITH PLO REP FAROUK QADDUMI WHEN LATTER IN DAMASCUS TO NEGOTIATE THE LATEST SYRO-PALESTINIAN ACCORD. AFTER THE ACCORD WAS SIGNED, QADDUMI TOLD PEKIC THAT LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLUD HAD URGED THE PLO TO INSERT IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO THE DAMAGE WREAKED BY SINAI II ON LEBANON.

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING TIES IN WITH FONMIN KHADDAM'S STATEMENT TO AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST 3 THAT "THOSE VERY PALESTINIANS WHO ARE FRIENDS OF EGYPT WERE THE ONES WHO INSISTED THE ACCORD BE ATTACKED IN OUR JOINT COMMUNIQUE." (DAMASCUS 5149, PARA 3 NOTAL). KHADDAM MADE NO REFERENCE TO JALLUD AS THE INSTIGATOR IN THIS MATTER.

3. THIS IS NOT TO SUGGEST THAT SYRIANS NEED MUCH PROMPTING TO CONDEMN SINAI II ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS BUT A
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